

- (b) the probable ayacut area coming under the project;
- (c) the expenditure incurred and the progress made during 1977-78;
- (d) the present allotment of amount for this project for 1978-79;
- (e) is it a fact the works were held up for want of funds; if so the reasons thereon?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(a) The estimated cost of Hirehalla project is Rs. 535.00 lakhs. The project has not yet been administratively sanctioned.

(b)—

(a) Khariff	...	3,636 Hectares	(9,000 acres)
(b) Rabi	...	3,636 Hectares	(9,000 acres)
(c) Cotton	...	728 Hectares	(1,800 acres)
(2 Seasonal)			
Total	...	8,000 Hectares	(19,800 acres)

(c) The expenditure incurred on the project during 1977-78 is Rs. 2.65 lakhs and the progress as under.—

- (a) Formation of approach road from Kinhal to Dam site to a length of 2½ k.m.
- (b) Excavation of Key trench from Ch. 7 to 32 has been done.
- (d) Rs. 5.00 lakhs.
- (e) No. The works are not held up for want of funds.

#### **Vacation of six arches of Shahi Idgah at Bijapur City:**

334. SRI S. H. S. BAKSHI (Bijapur).—Will the Minister for Industries and Commerce be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether Government are aware that the Chief Minister had passed orders that the Police Department which has occupied six arches of Shahi Idgah at Bijapur City should vacate them;
- (b) if so, the reason why in spite of these orderd the Police Department has not vacated from the place;
- (c) whether Government are aware that the Alamgir Shahi Idgah is a religious charitable and wakf institution;

(d) whether Government are also aware that a Muslim Community of Bijapur had made representations that those arches should be made over to them as Muslim of Bijapur offer the Id Prayers at these places;

(e) if so, the steps Government propose to take to hand over the arches to Muslims of Bijapur ?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—

(a) Yes

(b) The orders were subsequently modified by the Chief Minister that there is no question of returning the six arch rooms now occupied by the Police Department.

(c) It has been notified as a wakf by the Karnataka State Board of Wakfs.

(d) Yes

(e) Does not arise in view of answer to (b)

### Statement by the Chief Minister

*re : reduction of electricity benefit for irrigation pump sets*

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).— Sir, I want to make a statement in connection with the electricity tariff particularly, for pump sets. In that connection Government have after reconsideration thought it fit in the interest of the farmers to reduce the rate of consumption of power on pumpsets. We would like to see that burden on the farmers is reduced inspite of the fact that the expenditure is going up particularly after the imposition of surcharge of 0-2 paise per unit of production. So, we have reduced the rate from 0-23 paise to 20 paise so far as pump sets are concerned. This is likely to reduce the income of the Board by about Rs. 125 lakhs i.e. 1.25 crores per year. On an uniform rate it will be reduced, but the slab remains the same.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಆರ್. ಬೊಮ್ಮಾಯಿ.—ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳವರು ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನ ಬಂದು ಬೇಡಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನಾನು ಸ್ವಾಗತ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಆದರೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳವರ ಅವಗಾಹನೆಗೆ ಬಂದು ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ತರಬಯಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ೧೯೭೭-೭೮ರಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರಿಸಿಟಿ ಬೋರ್ಡಿನವರು ೮ ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ಲಾಭ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—That will be wiped out by that surcharge at 0-2 paise per unit of production which comes to Rs. 13 crores. Further I would like to read the statement.